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U.S. Department of Justice,

Microsoft is a monopoly. Allowing Microsoft to distribute their OS for free to under privileged schools will only perpetuate the monopoly.

Microsoft stifle competition. They build their products in such a way that no other vendor can interoperate correctly with their protocols. Even open protocols are changed in such a way that there is difficulty to operate with their products. MSIE and IIS are made to work together. In some cases no other web browser can interoperate correctly with IIS. For example, Microsoft Front Page exploits the correctness of Netscape where Front Page fails to close table tags correctly but MSIE is built to handle this. These are subtle but effective marketing ploys designed by MS to render the competition helpless. There are many examples of tricks like these employed by Microsoft.

Microsoft is a law unto itself. End User License Agreements, OEM Licenses are restrictive and less than competitive. For example, an OEM company cannot distribute a Computer with dual boot operating systems on it. Microsoft do not own the computer but they dictate that the OEM cannot distribute another Operating System on a PC that they manufacture.

The solution for this Anti-Trust case should be to regulate the EULA and the OEM Licenses. Giving freedom back to the manufacturer and to the end user.

Microsoft is a monopoly. Therefore they should not be allowed to advertise or do exclusive deals so that companies that use Microsoft exclusively offering big discounts. Their products should have one price for all.

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Regards

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